

**TODAY and
TOMORROW**

The Dirty Game

NOW that the question of India's political advance is so much in the world's limelight, the British Press is working overtime to present to the outsiders a totally false and distorted picture of the Indian problem. Of course, this should not surprise any of us, for it is only in keeping with the time-honoured British tradition.

The dirty game of misrepresenting India to the world at large is not confined to the Tory papers, like the London Daily Mail, which are frankly imperialist and reactionary. Even the so-called Liberal papers like the "Economist" and the "Spectator" are taking part in this vile business. The "Spectator" for example in its editorial columns this week, writing about Mr. Jinnah's refusal to come to terms with the Congress, says that this proves that the real problem in India is the problem of agreement between Indians themselves, and not between India and the British Government. Not at all. What Jinnah's intransigence proves is that an alien Government can, by a systematic policy of divide and rule, so demoralise even a leader of the calibre of Janab Jinnah as to make him ready to sacrifice national interests for the fancied benefit of just a section of his community.

The necessity for the British governance of India is emphasized by the Birmingham Post in a recent editorial from another angle. The Birmingham Post says that the past policy of the Congress has gone some way to justify the alleged Moslem League apprehension that the Moslems will not get a fair deal under a Congress government. The "Birmingham Post," however, has not cared to specify how the Congress has shown its bias against Moslems in the past. We know that the Declaration of Rights of the National Congress represents the most enlightened and consistent democratic affirmation of universal rights of equal citizenship, irrespective of caste, creed or sex, together with provision for full freedom of conscience and protection of cultural rights of minorities.

In no self-governing country will the government tolerate a man who wants to partition his country solely on the ground of religion, especially as more than 75 per cent. of his co-religionists do not approve of his separatism. But in unhappy India that sort of man is honoured and magnified. By showing such extraordinary consideration to Mr. Jinnah, the British are conclusively betraying their wicked intention to keep India a divided house so that they may continue their century-long loot and plunder of India. Let good wisdom prevail upon men like Mr. Jinnah to enable them to see the ruthless exploitation of India within and false propaganda on India's disunity from without.

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Nippon Forces In Burma Harassing Foe Supply Lines

Surprise Push Launched In Sittang River Area Nyaungkashe Retaken

A Nippon Base on the Burma Front, July 14 (Domei)—Nippon forces in southern Burma continued to launch fierce infiltration attacks against two enemy supply roads extending from Rangoon to Mandalay and Prome.

Confronted by the intensification of our storming attacks, the enemy has given up transportation at night and is employing convoys of more than 100 motor lorries escorted by planes, tanks and armoured cars. To secure safety in transport the enemy has further detailed sizeable forces of tanks and armoured cars to strategic points along the two supply arteries.

Due to the courageous fighting put up by our infiltration parties the war situation along the Pegu mountains is at present more or less stalemated.

In the meantime, our forces in the Sittang River bend launched a surprise offensive early this month. Defying torrential rain and knee-deep mire, our forces crossed the Sittang River and captured Nyaungkashe, 50 kilometres east-north-east of Pegu and Nya.

Following the reduction of these two advanced enemy points, Nippon forces are at present continuing hot pursuit of the retreating enemy. On the other hand, Nippon forces are taking advantage of the mountainous terrain to hold back enemy attacks.

In the Kalaw sector, the Nipponese on July 9, launched a big counter-push and smashed back the enemy to the west. Frontline reports reveal that the Nipponese are still advancing in this sector and are killing more enemy troops as their counter-offensive gathers momentum.

Furious Balik Papan War

A Nippon Base in the South Pacific, July 14 (Domei)—The enemy attack on Balik Papan continues with unabated fury.

On July 9 the enemy tried to rush our positions in the vicinity of an airfield but were caught by Nippon ground mines resulting in more than 100 of his troops being blown to smithereens. Nippon defenders accounted for 100 additional enemy troops killed or wounded when they carried out "human bullet" attacks into the confused enemy.

As a result the enemy, fearing Nippon mines and death-defying attacks, is at present attempting to sneak through the jungle area. Intercepting the enemy's latest move Nippon forces destroyed one enemy tank and blasted two others.

AS ENEMY GETS CLOSER TO NIPPON OPPORTUNITY TO SMASH FOE COMES NEARER

Yankee Capitalism To Be Crushed For Asia's Freedom, Says Lt. Col. Nakajima

"With the enemy attacks from the air against our homeland getting fiercer and fiercer day by day and the appearance of the fleet in the waters close to our homeland, the opportunity to smash and crush this foe is coming nearer and nearer."

Thus declared Lt. Col. Shozo Nakajima, Chief Spokesman of the Imperial Nippon forces in the Southern Regions, at the weekly Press Conference here yesterday.

"Our special attack corps which are awaiting the opportunity to smash the enemy are patiently waiting for that chance at their bases," stated the Chief Spokesman, adding "when the offensive is opened in the near future we can expect big war results to be announced."

Lt. Col. Nakajima went on to say that since the Americans were dominated by ideas of materialism and had come to East Asia with the object of obtaining materialistic gains it would be very important for them to have a short warfare.

Recalling the observation of the American philosopher and writer, Ralph Waldo Emerson, who had called them as "Shallow Americans" in criticism of their self-contentment and pragmatism and pointing out that their cultural, spiritual and social side of life is based

on the philosophy of pragmatism, Lt. Col. Nakajima said that materialism and mechanism were the highest goal of American culture.

In spite of the fact that they had no lofty ideals concerning life or the universe, the Americans had been making wild propaganda about humanitarianism, equality, benevolence and what not and at the same time continued to regard other peoples as their inferiors.

Since the outbreak of the Greater East Asia War the Americans had sunk hospital and relief ships like the "Awa Maru" which brought supplies to their own people in the Southern Regions and these instances went to show how hollow their professions of humanity and benevolence were, declared Lt. Col. Nakajima.

Although the enemy war leaders were proclaiming to the world that they were fighting to safeguard democracy, in actual fact "it is nothing more than a dictatorship of war mongers." The true war leaders of America are a few moneyed Jews and the Americans know this best. That is why there are strikes and riots even in the midst of this war, pointed out the Chief Spokesman, reiterating the point that, without the destruction of American capitalism, there can be no liberation of East Asia.

Br. Propagandists Make Capital Out Of Simla Crisis

"Spectator" Attributes Political Deadlock To Disunity, Dissension

On the eve of the reopening of the Simla Conference, the Viceroy is still unwilling to express himself clearly in favour of either the Congress or the Muslim League. He continues to keep both sides on tenterhooks by showing great eagerness to please all and by granting repeated interviews to Mr. Jinnah, Gandhiji and Maulana Azad as well as the Punjab Premier and leaders of other parties and communities.

Meanwhile, British propaganda is making capital out of the deadlock. The London weekly journal, the Spectator, declares in one of its latest editorials, "If anybody ever doubted that the real problem in India is the problem of agreement between Indians themselves and not between India and the British Government, the present conversations at Simla dispel the doubt finally."

Nationalist observers in India have commented upon Wavell's wavering attitude as indicating Wavell's recognition of the fact that the Congress is too strong to be slighted even though the British Government relies chiefly upon the Muslim League's support for the exploitation of India for their war effort and for strengthening their imperialistic hold on India. Wavell cannot afford to let the Congress keep out of the new Executive Council. That will create a situation parallel to the chaos of 1942-43.

Compromise Opposed

Staunch nationalists, opposed to slavish compromise and co-operation with the British, ask "Why does not the Congress High Command show half the determination that Mr. Jinnah and the League have shown? Their cause, namely, the complete independence of India and the liquidation of British imperialism and war exploitation, are they not worth fighting to the very last, till the goal is unmistakably assured?" These nationalists express the view that Wavell is determined not to lose the golden opportunity, created by the Congress leaders' defeatism, of getting the moral sanction of the Congress and making Congress bear the entire responsibility for the total exploitation of India's manpower and material resources for the Anglo-American war against Nippon.

Nationalist circles deplore the Congress leaders' over-eagerness for seats in the British Viceroy's Executive Council and express the fear that Wavell may succeed in hoodwinking them into accepting his proposals.

United States Tender Apology For Sinking Of Mercy Ship "Awa Maru"

Tokyo, July 13 (Domei)—The United States Government has finally complied with the Nippon demand for a full apology and compensation over the outrageous attack on the Nippon steamer Awa Maru which was torpedoed and sunk by a United States submarine on April 1.

This was revealed by Sadao Iguchi, Spokesman of the Board of Information, who told a press conference this morning that the United States Government replied under date July 1 to the

Swiss Government in connection with the Nippon claim for compensation.

In his note Iguchi revealed the United States Government acknowledged its responsibility for the sinking of the ship and loss of around 2,000 Nippon civilians aboard, in violation of the guarantee which the United States Government had given in the form of safe conduct. The Spokesman added he expected that the full text of the American note of reply would be made public in due course.

Foe Admits Loss Of U.S. Transport "Pikerson"

Lisbon, July 12 (Domei)—Fifty-one men were killed and 15 others wounded when the United States transport "Pikerson" was lost off Okinawa as the result of Nipponese aerial action, the American Navy Department disclosed yesterday, according to an American dispatch. The ship was so seriously damaged that she had to be scuttled, the dispatch said.

Indiscriminate Firebomb Attack In Kanto District

Tokyo, July 13 (Domei)—About 140 enemy B-29 heavy bombers made indiscriminate firebomb attacks on lesser cities in Kanto and the adjacent districts late last night.

According to a communique issued by the Tobu Army District Command Headquarters this morning, fires broke out in and around Utsunomiya City and also a part of Keihin district but were brought under control.

Southern Regions Budget Prepared On Firm Footing

Taiping, July 11 (Domei)—In full readiness to meet any enemy invasion threat, the Southern Regions Military Administration is entering into the second quarter of its fiscal year confidently with a streamlined, more flexible budget designed to give powerful impetus to war efforts in the triangular Malai-Djawa-Sumatra economic and defence zones.

Although the total budget figure for this fiscal year, amounting to some thousands of millions of dollars, does not differ very much in amount from last year's fiscal expenditures, the new budget has been readjusted more fully to achieve three major purposes:

Firstly, an active and smooth exchange of commodities between various regions; secondly, enhancement of stable living conditions, and, thirdly, a vigorous strengthening of defence for any eventuality.

While the special items account has been eliminated, the new budget allocates special sums, for instance, for the construction of wooden craft, increased food rationing and for the intensification of defence preparations.

In order to achieve greater flexibility in meeting contingencies which may arise, the new budget doubles the previous year's reserve fund for use in five specified areas. For Syonan and Djawa the sums allocated to them from the reserve fund are 2½ times greater than that of last year.

Twenty-one per cent. of the budget's total expenditures will be met by land assessment revenues, chiefly from Malai, Syonan and Djawa, while a large income will be derived from commodity taxes, such as taxes on wines and spirits in Malai, business, income and liquor taxes in Sumatra, and land, income, poll, tobacco and sugar taxes in Djawa.

The deficit will be covered by a loan of some hundred million dollars from the Nampo Kaihatsu Ginko and a special outlay of some millions from the special military budget.

Enemy Plans Operations On Carnicobar Island

A Nippon Frontline Base in the Southern Regions, July 13 (Domei)—Indications are mounting that the enemy plans to launch landing operations on the Carnicobar Islands. Information reaching here today said the enemy has recently laid buoys in waters adjacent to the Carnicobar Group.

Joseph B. Chifley Becomes Australia's New Premier

Lisbon, July 12 (Domei)—Joseph B. Chifley, Commonwealth Treasurer, today was appointed Australian Prime Minister in succession to the late John Curtin, according to a Canberra dispatch. Chifley had been Acting Prime Minister during Curtin's illness and during the absence of Francis Forde, former Acting Prime Minister, who left Australia to take part in the San Francisco Conference.

After Curtin's death, Deputy Prime Minister Forde, now back in Australia, was sworn in as temporary Prime Minister.

Anglo-Americans Anxious To Check Ever Expanding Russian Influence

Tokyo, July 13 (Domei)—Checking the ever expanding Soviet Union influence into Western Europe and clarification of the still veiled Soviet attitude toward East Asiatic problems, will be the main objectives on the part of the United States and Britain in the coming "Big Three" conference, the Yomjuri Hochi editorially declared. Excerpts from the editorial follow:—

The coming Potsdam conference will have a different character in many respects compared with the so-called Big Three conferences held previously at Teheran and Yalta.

Firstly, important changes have taken place in leading personnel. Roosevelt has been succeeded by Truman. Churchill will attend the conference but reports indicate he will represent Britain jointly with Clement Attlee, leader of the British Labour Party. Although changes in personnel do not seem so important it should be kept in mind the Soviet Union usually does not fully appreciate a conference in which the other country's representatives are not powerful enough to secure the Soviet Union's confidence. And, it is doubtful whether Truman will satisfy the Soviet Union.

Truman is beginning to show signs of leaning to the right recently. Furthermore, Truman has made clear he has no power to lead Congress and has even tried to shift the responsibility of leadership from the administration to Congress itself. This is in striking contrast with Roosevelt's policy which demonstrated Rooseveltian domination over the Congress by full utilization of the brain trust.

In Britain there have been disputes among the Labour Party with regard to Attlee's responsibility at the coming conference. The Anglo-Ameri-

can Press declare the Potsdam conference will be virtually a peace conference in Europe. President Truman himself also said peace problems will be discussed at the coming conference although the United States is at present still facing the big problem of the war against Nippon.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union has started a vigorous political offensive toward the Black Sea, Turkish and Mediterranean regions which form the last barriers of the Soviet Union's security, and probably aims to bring up matters concerning these areas at the Potsdam conference. It may be recalled Anglo-American interference in the Soviet Union's foreign policy after the first world war centered around these regions.

The disposal of Germany will of course be included in the main subjects of discussions, while problems relating to the Baltic States and various frontier issues will be taken up. The main objective on the part of the United States and Britain lies in how to prevent ever-expanding Soviet influence in Western Europe and the establishment of balance of power. Therefore, more attention may be expected to be paid upon this broad point than comparatively less important problems. The United States and Britain realize the necessity for establishing a balance of power with the Soviet Union also in East Asia. This means East Asiatic problems will naturally be included in the agenda.

Although the Soviet Union has shown active interest in current conflicts between the Chungking and Yenan regimes, her attitude toward other problems and other regions of East Asia are still not known. Naturally the United States and Britain will demand clarification of these points.

Strikes Hamper British Transportation, Shipping

Lisbon, July 12 (Domei)—Serious strikes affecting British transportation and shipping are continuing in various parts of the British Isles, despite the government's efforts to put an end to them, according to a London dispatch.

The Ministry of Labour's Conciliation Department last night was reported to have intervened in the Thames waterfront "go-slow" strike but so far failed to effect a solution.

With loading and unloading operations being delayed at the Thames wharves, a number of British vessels scheduled to sail for the Pacific Theatre with war supplies recently were diverted to Liverpool in order to avoid any delay, it is understood.

In Northern Britain, a meeting of the Executive Council of the Scottish Transport and General Workers' Union is scheduled to be called to institute negotiations in connection with the strike of 4,000 Clyde-side dockers which began in Glasgow two days ago.

Meantime, a third labour stoppage was reported to be threatening bus travellers in South-eastern England who may face the prospect of "having to walk this morning. The threatened walk-out is an extension of the strike which began in the Midland Red Bus Company.

Over 600 drivers and conductors of the London Transport Boards are expected to conduct a sympathy strike, the dispatch said.

Athens Experiencing Serious Water Shortage

Zurich, July 12 (Domei)—With the water level in Marathon Lake, the Greek capital's main source of water supply, dangerously low, the people of Athens today are experiencing a shortage of water, according to an Athens message.

Although the famous white marble dam which feeds Athens escaped damage during the German withdrawal, much of the reservoir's water was wasted through mains which were broken in the course of fighting.

To make matters worse, the rainfall has been below normal for some years.

The people of Athens can now turn on water only twice a week and that for three hours at a time, the dispatch said.

Although the United Nations Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Administration has planned the construction of a new pipe line, it is believed that the new pipeline's construction will not be completed until September.

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Food Production Outlook Poor In Wartorn Europe

Lisbon, July 11 (Domei)—The outlook for grain production in Europe this year is the poorest of the entire war period and wheat prospects are essentially unfavourable, the United States Department of Agriculture reported in Washington on July 8.

It said the severe drought in the Mediterranean area, reduced seedlings in most of the war-affected areas, lack of fertilizers and shortages of machinery and transportation facilities are mainly responsible for the poor outlook.

Farm allocation authorities of the Agricultural Department estimated that 650,000 bushels of wheat will have to be sent to Europe in the next year, half from the United States and half from Canada. Food allocation officials said the land reforms introduced in Poland, the Baltic States, Hungary and sections of Czechoslovakia and Eastern Germany appear to be having a disruptive effect upon grain production.

21 Enemy Warships Damaged In "Typhoon"

Lisbon, July 13 (Domei)—At least 21 American warships including two Essex class carriers and three new battleships were damaged by a severe "typhoon" which struck the American Third Fleet on June 5, American Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz's Headquarters disclosed today in a Guam dispatch.

The locality where the "typhoon" struck was not mentioned in the communiqué but is thought to have been between Okinawa and the Philippines.

One hundred feet of the bow of the cruiser "Pittsburgh" were ripped off by the storm, while the battleships "Massachusetts", "Indiana" and "Alabama" were damaged.

This is the second time the American Third Fleet has encountered damage from a "typhoon". On December 18, last year, the Fleet was struck by heavy seas and winds between the Philippines and the Marianas, and three destroyers were lost after capsizing.

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